

# Real-Time High Performance Computing (HPC) to Support Dynamic Infrared Scene Projection (DIRSP) and Associated Virtual Proving Ground (VPG) Applications



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- Presentation Focus:
  - Test & Evaluation of Electro-Optic Weapon Subsystems/Systems
    - Infrared and Visible Spectrums (EO/IR)
- Virtual Proving Ground
- Dynamic Infrared Scene Projection Technologies
- Example Application
- Conclusions



# RTTC's HPC Applications Benefit the Warfighter



#### **HPC Applications**

Real-Time EO Test Technology

- Distributed Testing
- Scene Projection/ HWIL/HIL
- Digital Sequences/Signal Injection
- Digital Simulations

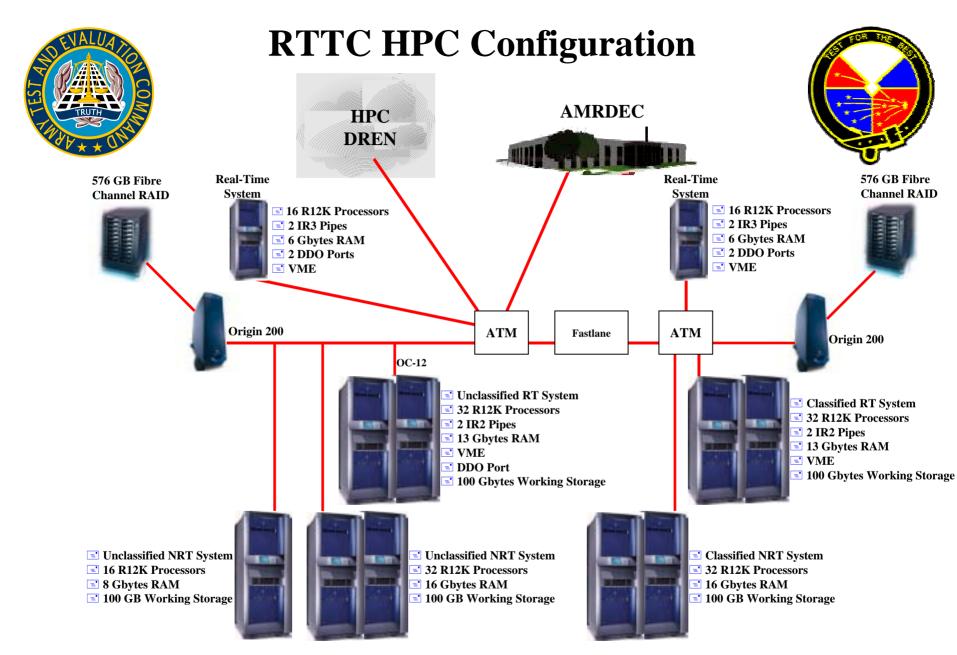
Weapons Dev, Test, Training...

Stage of System Lifecycle

- Fielded System
- Production Phase
- Development Phase
- Concept Phase

#### RTTC Placement in HPCMP **Support Centers DCs HPC Shared** Resource Real-Time Centers **Centers MSRCs RTTC** The Three **Components** of the **HPCMP** Software COMPUTATIONAL TECHNOLOGY AREAS (CTAs) **Networking Application** • Signal/Image Processing (SIP) **Support** • Integrated Modeling and Test Environments (IMT) **PORTFOLIO AREA CHSSI DREN** • Sensor/Scene Processing and Generation **S-DREN CHSSI** • Supporting three CHSSI Projects **Networking** • Wide Area Network (WAN) connections to Defense Research and **Engineering Network (DREN) and Secure-DREN (SDREN)**

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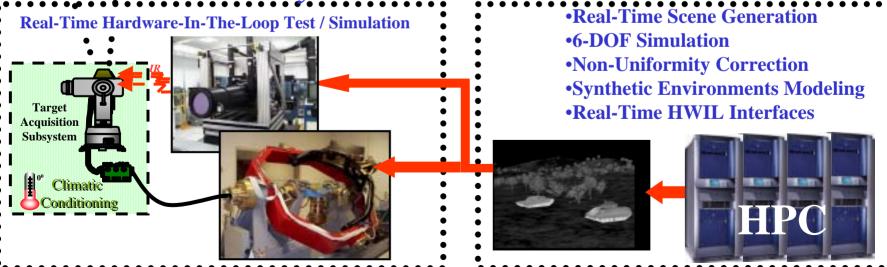


# VPG Application and DIRSP Conceptual Overview





#### Synthetic / Stimulation World





# Background VPG/DIRSP/Real-Time HPC



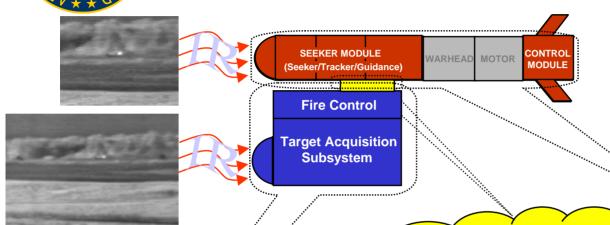
- DTC's Virtual Proving Ground (VPG) <u>Integrates</u> M&S Into The T&E Infrastructure.
- Dynamic Infrared Scene Projection (DIRSP) Projects
  Dynamic (**Real-Time**) Complex Infrared Scenes into the
  Entrance Aperture of Imaging Infrared Sensors.
- DIRSP Projects "<u>In-band</u>" Infrared Energy With Sufficient Fidelity For The UUT To Perceive And Respond To The Synthetic IR Scene As It Would In The Real-world.
- VPG/DIRSP/HPC Provides A Highly Effective Real-Time Infrastructure For Testing *Tactical* EO/IR Imaging Sensors/Subsystems/Systems.



Projected IR Scenes

# **VPG Application Using DIRSP and HPC**





- Missile Seeker Module
- Missile Control Module
- Fire Control
- FLIR Target Acquisition







High Performance Computing Infrastructure









- Domain of Application: Live Fire (HWIL) Test Rehearsal
  - Javelin: Man-Portable Imaging
     Infrared Missile System
    - Imaging Infrared Target Acquisition Sensor (CLU)
    - Imaging Infrared Missile Seeker
- Intended Use of RTTC HWIL Application
  - Primarily Entity/Sub-Entity Level Testing and Training (One-on-One/Few Performance)
  - "MOUT" Warfighter Scenario







- Used Real Tactical Javelin Hardware (Not Trainer Hardware)
- Used Warfighters/Soldiers
- Synthetic Environment Developed For Test Support (Also Adequate For Training)
  - Target And Terrain Models
  - Infrared Scene Generation And Projection
  - Flight Motion Simulation
  - Missile Flight Dynamics Simulation
  - Real-time Interface And Architecture
- Live Missile Firings Against Real MOUT Targets (Bunker & Building)
  Subsequently Followed The Laboratory Exercise With Excellent Success



### Javelin Missile Firing









**Requirement:** Test Javelin performance against urban structures (Sand bag bunker and a concrete building)







Javelin Weapon System

**MOUT Structures** 

#### Challenges

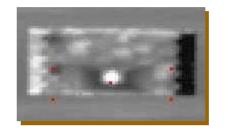
- 1) Weapon System Performance Missile tracker algorithms were optimized for engaging armored vehicles.
- 2) Operational Test/Training Gunners not trained in weapon system operation against urban structures.

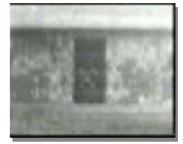




GOAL: Reduce risk associated with live Missile Firings

 Develop Infrared models of the MOUT structures





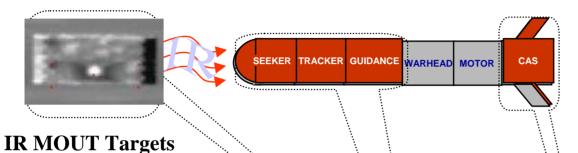


- Determine optimal weapon engagement method using missile HWIL test facility
- Allow Warfighters to rehearse using non-destructive HWIL testing prior to flight testing

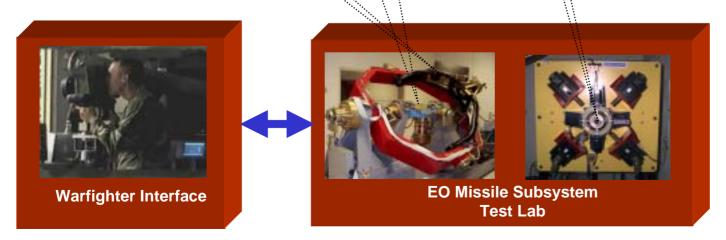








- IR Seeker/Target Tracker/ Guidance Section
- Control Actuator Section



**Developmental Test Command** 





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### **Bunker Live Fire Results**



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### After

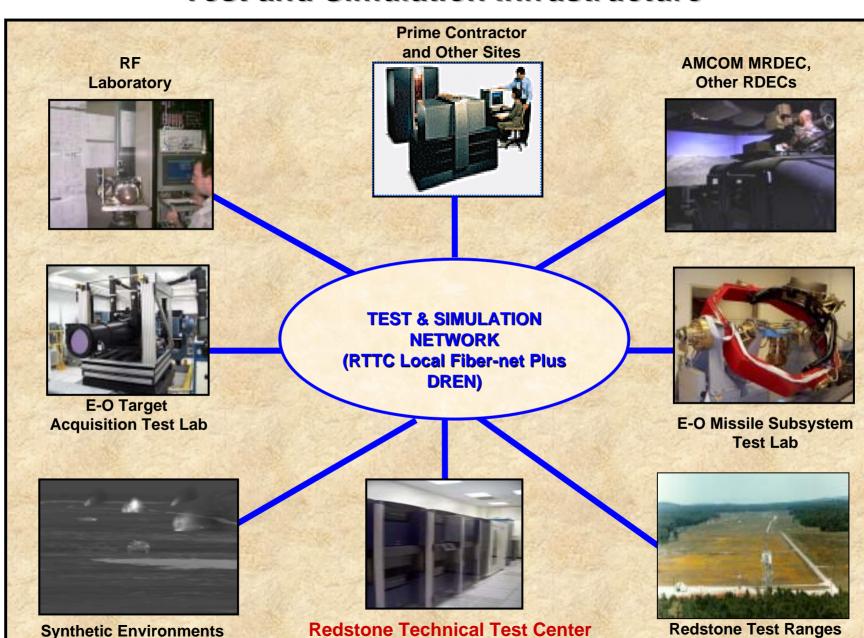






### Where are we going next?

#### **Test and Simulation Infrastructure**



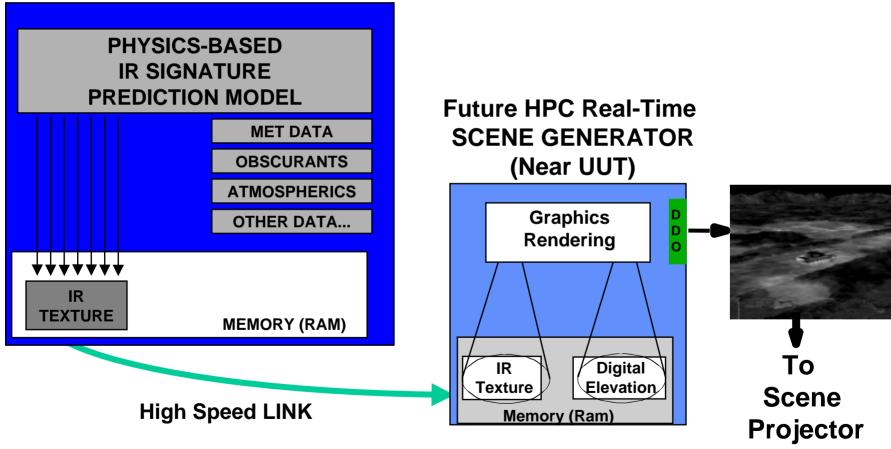
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### Next Gen HPC Real-Time Physics-Based Scene Generation









### **CONCLUSIONS**



- RTTC's HPC is a Critical Resource/Tool For Test And Evaluation Of Next Generation Multispectral EO Systems
  - Real-time Hardware-in-the-Loop Operational Performance